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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 02, 2005

This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for September 02, 2005. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

POLITICAL, SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS

HURRIYET (CUKUROVA): Mehmet Aslan, Chairperson of Gaziantep Chamber of Commerce, said that inconveniences related to infrastructure at the Habur Border Gate were causing difficulties for trade with Iraq.

CUMHURIYET / SABAH (GUNEY) / BOLGE: The dailies reported a Jandarma official tearing the terrorist organization's "so-called" flag from a terrorist's coffin in the Kahramanmaras province, and telling the relatives of the dead that he would file a complaint against them for placing the flag on the coffin. Related to this incident, Sabah Guney's front page carried the headline, "The Military is Firm and Decisive." (Note: The terrorist was killed in a military operation in Batman's Besiri district. See press summary 08/29. End Note.) A group of people in Diyarbakir waited for the car, which carried the terrorist's coffin on its way to Kahramanmaras. When tension escalated as the group chanted slogans in support for Abdullah Ocalan, the police intervened, used pepper gas, and dispersed the people. Intermittent incidents continued until late at night.

ZAMAN / OZGUR GUNDEM: An amoebic dysentery epidemic affected 60 people, mostly children, in Mazgirt district of Tunceli. Reportedly, the cause of the epidemic was water from the city water system.

OZGUR GUNDEM: A truck driver, who was attempting to steal oil from the [Kirkuk-Yumurtalik] oil pipeline, was caught and arrested in Osmaniye.

ZAMAN / CUMHURIYET / HURRIYET / OZGUR GUNDEM: A person died in a bomb blast in Bursa's Osmangazi district. Security Directorate suspects a suicide bomber.

OZGUR GUNDEM: The daily announced the name of a terrorist, who was killed in a clash that occurred in Van's Baskale district on August 28. Separately, the paper announced that the Turkish Armed Forces launched military operations in Diyarbakir, Siirt and Sirnak provinces.

OZGUR GUNDEM: Hak-Par (Rights and Liberties Party) is reportedly planning to hold an anti-PKK meeting in Ankara on September 4.

OZGUR GUNDEM: The mayor of Hakkari's Yuksekova district was not allowed into a reception celebrating August 30 Victory Day, even though his name appeared on the guest list.

CUMHURIYET: People suspect that bird flu is the cause of an epidemic causing the large-scale deaths of wild birds around Van Lake.

CUMHURIYET: In a press announcement, Hatay AKP (Justice and Development Party) deputy Mehmet Soydan responded to criticisms made by other AKP deputies about the "1st Meeting of Civilizations", an event that will be held in Hatay province between September 25-30. Soydan said that 45 ambassadors would attend the event. According to Soydan, the event will show the world that people belonging to diverse religious and ethnic origins are able to live harmoniously in Hatay.

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